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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Hiroki KANNO et al.

Title: IMAGE PROCESSING APPARATUS AND IMAGE
PROCESSING METHOD

Appl. No.:   09/314,172

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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

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Commissioner for Patents
PO Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

    This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application. This RCE and the enclosed items listed below are being filed prior to the earliest of: (1) payment of the issue fee (unless a petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.313 is granted); (2) abandonment of the application; or (3) the filing of a notice of appeal to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit under 35 U.S.C. § 141, or the commencement of a civil action under 35 U.S.C. § 145 or § 146 (unless the appeal or civil action is terminated).

1. <u>Submission **required** under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114</u>: (check items that apply)

    a. Previously submitted:

    [**X**]   Please enter and consider the amendment/reply previously filed on <u> November 26, 2003 </u>.

    [ ]   Please consider the Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s) previously filed on __ but not considered.

    [ ]   Please consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on __.

    [ ]   Other __.

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b. Enclosed are:

[ ]   Amendment/Reply.

[ ]   Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s).

[ ]   Information Disclosure Statement.

[ ]   Form PTO-1449 with copies of ___ listed reference(s).

[ ]   Other .

Miscellaneous:

[ ]   Suspension of action of the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of __ months.

The filing fee is calculated below:

	Claims as Amended		Previously Paid For	Extra Claims Present		Rate		Fee Totals
RCE Fee 1.17(e):						$770.00	=	$770.00
Total Claims:	7	-	20	= 0	x	$18.00	=	$0.00
Independents	1	-	3	= 0	x	$86.00	=	$0.00
First presentation of any Multiple Dependent Claims:					+	$290.00	=	$0.00
				CLAIMS FEE TOTAL:			=	$770.00

[X]   Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) for the total number of months checked below:

[X] Extension for response filed within the first month:	$110.00	1	$110.00
[ ] Extension for response filed within the second month:	$420.00		$0.00
[ ] Extension for response filed within the third month:	$950.00		$0.00
[ ] Extension for response filed within the fourth month:	$1,480.00		$0.00
[ ] Extension for response filed within the fifth month:	$2,010.00		$0.00
EXTENSION FEE SUBTOTAL:			$110.00
EXTENSION FEE ALREADY PAID: -			$0.00
EXTENSION FEE TOTAL			$110.00
CLAIMS AND EXTENSION FEE TOTAL:			$880.00
[ ] Small Entity Fees Apply (subtract ½ of above):			$0.00
[ ] Suspension of action requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c)			$0.00
TOTAL FEE:			$880.00

[ ]   Please charge Deposit Account No. 19-0741 in the amount of $000.00. A duplicate copy of this transmittal is enclosed.

[X]   A check in the amount of $880.00 to cover the filing fee is enclosed.

[X]   The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Please direct all correspondence to the undersigned attorney or agent at the address indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

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